



# Press Release

National  
Agricultural  
Statistics  
Service

In Cooperation with the Louisiana Department of Agriculture

Louisiana Field Office · 5825 Florida Blvd · Baton Rouge, LA 70808 · (225) 922-1362 · [www.nass.usda.gov/la](http://www.nass.usda.gov/la)

On: August 1 Crop Report

For Information Contact:  
Sammye Crawford/Terry Mathews  
1-800-256-4485

For Immediate Release: August 10, 2007

## New State Record Yields Expected for Corn and Soybeans

Producers throughout the state have great expectations for Louisiana's corn crop. "Despite the dry weather conditions earlier this year, much needed rainfall arrived at the crucial time, allowing crops to take off across the state," said Nathan Crisp, Director of the Louisiana Field Office of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. "Record yields are expected for corn and soybeans; and we expect rice to tie the record yield set in 2005," Crisp continued.

Louisiana's **corn** production is forecast at 109.5 million bushels, up 170 percent from a year ago. An estimated 730,000 acres will be harvested for grain, a 152 percent increase from a year ago. Yield per acre, at 150 bushels, is up 10 bushels from 2006 and up 2 bushels from the record yield set in 2001. U.S. **corn** production is forecast at 13.1 billion bushels, up 24 percent from 2006.

**Soybean** production is expected to total 21.5 million bushels in Louisiana, down 27 percent from 2006. An estimated 580,000 acres will be harvested, down 31 percent from 2006. Yield is forecast at 37 bushels per acre, up 2 bushels from last year and, if realized, a new record yield for Louisiana. U.S. **soybean** production is forecast at 2.6 billion bushels, down 18 percent from 2006.

Louisiana **rice** production is forecast at 22.7 million cwt, up 13 percent from 2006. Rice acreage for harvest is forecast at 385,000 acres, up 40,000 acres from the 2006 crop. Yield per acre is forecast at 5,900 pounds, up 80 pounds from last year and tying the record yield set in 2005. U.S. **rice** production is forecast at 190.4 million cwt, down 2 percent from last year and down 15 percent from 2005.

Louisiana's **cotton** production is expected to total 660,000 bales, down 581,000 bales from 2006. An estimated 335,000 acres are expected to be harvested, down 295,000 acres from last year. At 946 pounds, the yield per acre forecast is the same as last year. **Upland cotton** production for the U.S. is forecast at 16.5 million bales, down 21 percent from last year's 20.8 million bales.

The Louisiana **sugarcane** crop is estimated at 12.5 million net tons, up 5 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at 29 net tons per acre, up 6 percent from last year. Acreage expected for harvest (sugar and seed) is 430,000 acres, down 5,000 acres from 2006. U.S. production of **sugarcane** for sugar and seed in 2007 is forecast at 31.5 million net tons, 7 percent above last year.

**Sorghum** production is estimated at 19.1 million bushels in the state, up 128 percent from 2006. Acreage to be harvested for grain is forecast at 205,000 acres, 118,000 acres more than last year. Yield is forecast at 93 bushels per acre, down 3 bushels from last year and down 6 bushels from the record yield set in 2005. U.S. production for **sorghum** is forecast at 475 million bushels, up 71 percent from last year.

Louisiana production of **all hay** is estimated at 1.1 million tons, up 11 percent from a year ago. Acreage for harvest is forecast at 400,000 acres, up 10,000 acres from 2006. Yield, at 2.7 tons per acre, is up .2 ton from last year. U.S. **all hay** production is forecast at 145.3 million tons, up 3 percent from 2006.